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Applicant : DeGroote et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 17, 2005. A one month extension of time up to and including October 17, 2005 is included. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.